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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a local government energy innovation  
2 competitive grant program, and making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 473.21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY  
1 2 INNOVATION COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM == FUND.  
1 3 1. The Iowa energy center created under section 266.39C  
1 4 shall establish and administer a local government energy  
1 5 innovation competitive grant program. The objective of the  
1 6 grant program shall be to assist political subdivisions of the  
1 7 state in the development and implementation of innovative  
1 8 transportation, conservation, or energy efficiency programs  
1 9 involving the utilization of alternative or renewable energy  
1 10 generation sources; ethanol, biodiesel, and other alternative  
1 11 fuels; and energy efficient building construction and  
1 12 rehabilitation standards. For purposes of this section,  
1 13 "political subdivision" means any municipality, township,  
1 14 county, district, or authority, or any portion, or combination  
1 15 of two or more, thereof.  
1 16 2. A local government energy innovation competitive grant  
1 17 fund is created in the office of the treasurer of state to be  
1 18 administered by the Iowa energy center. The fund shall  
1 19 include moneys appropriated or otherwise directed to the fund.  
1 20 Section 8.33 shall not apply to the moneys in the fund.  
1 21 3. A political subdivision may apply to the Iowa energy  
1 22 center for a grant under this section by filing a completed  
1 23 application as directed by the Iowa energy center that  
1 24 includes plans for utilization of the funding received and an  
1 25 estimate of the energy efficiency savings to be achieved. The  
1 26 Iowa energy center shall develop grant approval criteria by  
1 27 rule. The criteria shall include the following:  
1 28 a. Projected reduction in energy usage.  
1 29 b. Projected energy savings.  
1 30 c. Availability of private and local matching funds.  
1 31 d. Additional social or environmental benefits to be  
1 32 derived through implementation of energy efficiency or  
1 33 reduction measures.  
1 34 e. Whether the program can be duplicated by other  
1 35 political subdivisions.  
2 1 4. Grant recipients shall be required to submit a report  
2 2 to the Iowa energy center regarding utilization of the funding  
2 3 received and the impact and results of the program developed  
2 4 and implemented within one year from a grant award.  
2 5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 473.22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY  
2 6 INNOVATION COMPETITIVE GRANTS == APPROPRIATION.  
2 7 There is annually appropriated from the general fund of the  
2 8 state to the local government energy innovation competitive  
2 9 grant fund the sum of one million dollars to be used for the  
2 10 local government energy innovation competitive grant program  
2 11 established in section 473.21. The Iowa energy center may  
2 12 retain up to two percent of the annual appropriation for costs  
2 13 of administering the program.  
2 14 EXPLANATION  
2 15 This bill establishes a local government energy innovation  
2 16 competitive grant program to be administered by the Iowa  
2 17 energy center created under Code section 266.39C. The purpose

2 18 of the program shall be to assist political subdivisions of  
2 19 the state in the development and implementation of innovative  
2 20 transportation, conservation, or energy efficiency programs  
2 21 involving the utilization of alternative or renewable energy  
2 22 generation sources; ethanol, biodiesel, and other alternative  
2 23 fuels; and energy efficient building construction and  
2 24 rehabilitation standards. The bill defines a "political  
2 25 subdivision" as any municipality, township, county, district,  
2 26 or authority, or any portion, or combination of two or more,  
2 27 thereof.

2 28 The bill provides that applicants shall provide information  
2 29 including plans for utilization of the funding received and an  
2 30 estimate of the energy efficiency savings to be achieved.  
2 31 Grant approval criteria, to be developed by the Iowa energy  
2 32 center by rule, shall include projected reduction in energy  
2 33 usage or savings, availability of matching funds, anticipated  
2 34 additional social or environmental benefits, and whether the  
2 35 program can be duplicated by other political subdivisions.

3 1 The bill requires grant recipients to submit a report to the  
3 2 Iowa energy center regarding utilization of the funding  
3 3 received and the impact and results of the program within one  
3 4 year from a grant award.

3 5 The bill appropriates \$1 million annually for purposes of  
3 6 the program, and provides that the Iowa energy center shall be  
3 7 authorized to retain up to 2 percent of the appropriation for  
3 8 costs of administering the program.

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